

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

UKRAINE INVASION WAR CRIMES DETERRENCE AND ACCOUNT- ABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, as we speak, the battle for liberty and democracy rages on in Ukraine. Congress and the Country are in awe of the heroism and determination of the Ukrainian people—as they defend democracy in their homeland and in the world.

Tragically, the Russian response to their courage and resilience has been nothing short of monstrous. Since Russia's unlawful and unprovoked invasion, we have heard deeply disturbing reports out of Ukraine: demolishing a maternity hospital; bombing civilians fleeing the fighting; and killing innocent children.

As the State Department concluded on March 23rd, based on the information available, these barbaric attacks amount to war crimes.

Just this week, the world saw shocking and horrifying images of mass executions in Bucha—with the bodies of hundreds of slain civilians strewn throughout the city. Sadly, as President Zelenskyy reported to the United Nations Security Council yesterday, we have reason to believe this is happening elsewhere, too.

Sadly, the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the massacre the world saw wasn't real—but a performance by actors playing dead.

This reality is sickening and heart-wrenching—and we cannot stay silent in the face of these outrageous and unthinkable atrocities.

Today, the House takes another important step to hold Putin and the Russian government accountable for this cruel brutality.

With the Ukraine War Crimes Act, we will ensure that the United States is collecting, analyzing and preserving evidence of Russian war crimes: an essential step so that the perpetrators can be prosecuted.

In doing so, we can help deter future war crimes—making it clear to Russian forces that the free world is closely watching.

This action follows the leadership of President Joe Biden, who has: capably orchestrated the West's strong, unified response; and demonstrated extraordinary moral clarity, among the first to call these heinous attacks what they are: war crimes.

Let us salute Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman GREGORY MEEKS and Ranking Member MICHAEL MCCAUL, for their relentless leadership in introducing this strong legislation.

And I thank them for their commitment to bipartisanship: demonstrating our Nation's unity and resolve as we respond to Russia's aggression.

This legislation builds on ongoing, escalating efforts by the Congress, the Administration and our Allies to punish Putin for his crimes.

With historic speed and coordination with our allies abroad, America has led the world in isolating Russia and devastating its economy.

We have: cut off Russian banks and decimated its markets; choked off its access to technology; cracked down on the oligarchs funding this war—and much more.

The House has passed bold legislation to revoke normal trade relations from Russia and ban the import of Russian energy: two major steps that will further cripple Putin's war effort and the Russian economy.

At the same time, we have secured \$13.6 billion in new humanitarian, security and economic assistance for Ukraine—which is already reaching people on the ground—as well as bolstered our support for NATO.

Our actions have left Russia weaker in every way. And now, we are taking further action to make sure Russia is held to account for its crimes.

This week, on Monday evening—54 years after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—many of us gathered with the King family at the MLK Memorial.

At the foot of this spectacular monument to peace, the King family placed a sunflower wreath: a symbol of our unity with the people of Ukraine.

In his book *Stride Toward Freedom*, Dr. King wrote: “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it.”

The legislation that the House will pass today will make clear that we stand firmly against the evil being perpetrated against Ukraine—and on the side of democracy, freedom and peace.

In memory of the victims of these horrific Russian war crimes—and in solidarity with those who remain in danger—I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote on this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of renowned architect Frederick Law Olmsted. This marks the 200th year since his birth.

Prior to beginning his career as a landscape architect, Mr. Olmsted worked as an author, farmer, journalist, and public servant. As the superintendent of New York's Central Park, he was awarded the opportunity to design the park. This prestigious task marked only the beginning of his accomplished career in architecture. In 1873, Congress selected Mr. Olmsted to design the expansion of the U.S. Capitol. He also designed the Biltmore Estate in Asheville where he fell in love with the natural beauty of North Carolina. He later accepted the opportunity to serve as the chief architect for the Village of Pinehurst. Today, the

Village of Pinehurst is part of the Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District on the National Register of Historic Places. This impressive distinction serves in large part to recognize the cultural and architectural significance of Mr. Olmsted's exemplary work.

After he passed in 1903, Mr. Olmsted's sons and business colleagues worked to carry out his architectural mission which continues to shape the direction of American architecture and design. His extraordinary legacy provides a guiding model for all practicing architecture.

I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation to Mr. Olmsted for his committed and impactful leadership and achievements in the fields of architecture and landscaping. His work has greatly benefitted North Carolina and the U.S., and I join our entire community in honoring his extraordinary life.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted.

RECOGNIZING MARVIN RANDLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marvin Randle, former mayor of Irving. Randle is a native and lifelong resident of Irving and served two consecutive two-year terms from May 1977 to April 1981.

Marvin has also had a great impact on our community as a small business owner, founding Irving Counter Top in 1962. Over the years, the family-owned-and-operated business has continued to grow along with the DFW Metroplex.

Marvin is a longtime friend and mentor. It is an honor to help celebrate such a full and impactful career and legacy, as Marvin retires this month. I thank Marvin for his great contributions to our local government and the impact he has made on our community.

RECOGNIZING THE VARINA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Varina Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team for winning the Class 4 State Championship title.

This title run was a towering achievement, as it resulted in the team's second state championship in basketball and the school's second state championship this school year. It is truly a well-earned victory, not only for the team but also the school and community.

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